

LOCAL MATTERS.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES. April 15, 1879. For the Middle Atlantic States falling barometer, increasing easterly winds, cloudy and rainy weather, followed on Wednesday by colder westward winds.

NARROW ESCAPE OF THE MARKET HOUSE. It was noticed this morning that the hard on the east face of the town clock had stopped at 10 o'clock, while those on the other faces continued to work as usual. Upon investigation it was found that the gas bracket which illuminates the east side of the clock had become displaced, and had burned through the rod leading from the clock to the dial causing it to stop in the middle and drop. The rod is of wood covered with tin, and the gas jet coming immediately below melted the solder of the tin and burned the wood. It is supposed that the accident was caused by the bell rope coming in contact with the bracket during the ringing of the alarm of fire at 12:45 o'clock. Had the rope caught fire the flames would doubtless have been carried to the bell clock above and the steeple destroyed or seriously damaged.

FIRE.—About a quarter of one o'clock this morning, a fire broke out in a small frame house on Washington street, south of Franklin, and in a short time spread to the adjoining house, also a frame. Both houses were so light that they burned like tinder, and illuminated the whole southern portion of the city. The firemen responded promptly, but owing to the distance and the very inflammable nature of the buildings little could be done except preventing the spread of the flames. The building in which the fire originated was vacant and it is supposed that it was set on fire. It was owned by John A. Seaton, colored, and was insured for \$300 by the Virginia Fire and Marine Company, James & Son, agents. The other house was owned and occupied by T. Banks, colored, and was not insured.

CORPORATION COURT.—Judge E. M. Loeys presiding.—Continuation of yesterday's proceedings.

Attorneys.—G. W. Smith, Mitchell & Co., case of attachment; jury and verdict for defendants and motion for new trial.

THE DAY.—Various fiduciary accounts were referred to be recorded.

THE WILL OF W. B. RICHARDS.—deceased, was fully proved and admitted to record.

Smith & Payne vs. Horace S. Johnston; removal of jury, and verdict for plaintiffs.

S. Deaham vs. Grotzky, Mitchell & Co.; motion for new trial overruled and judgment for defendants.

The usual allowances were made to jurors, &c.

ELECTION OF VESTRYMEN.—At a election for the Vestrymen of Grace Church, held last evening, the following gentlemen were duly elected: Dr. W. M. Gibson, Wm. A. Smoot, H. H. Service, H. Appich, A. W. Deaham, Chas. King, Alex. McBurney, George McBurney, W. H. P. Barkley, James F. Blair and George Dwyer.

AT St. Paul's Church the following Vestrymen were elected: A. McBurney, John A. Dixon, John H. Smoot, Geo. Johnston, S. F. Gregory, John W. Groce, Wm. H. Barkley, J. W. Deaham, Edward L. Deaham, J. B. Hume, M. D. Conner and Charles S. Taylor, Sr.

ATTEMPT TO DROWN.—On Sunday morning four young men fired a boat from Mr. Robey of Washington for a trip down the river. On returning, between twelve and one o'clock that night, Mr. Henry Lawrence, who was standing at the stern wheel, heard them quarrel, and they passed. In a few minutes one of the party was seen to be abandoning the boat, and Mr. Lawrence rescued the man in the water and brought him to shore. He refused to give his name, but said that he was a beer drinker in Washington. Mr. Robey sent down the boat the next day.

THE CANAL.—The leak at Six Locks, on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, has been repaired. The Cumberland News says:

Friday a large mass of overhanging rock on the bank side of the tow path of the canal, just above the lock, became detached and fell into the canal, completely blocking the way. A crowd of hands under Superintendent Hammond immediately went to work and succeeded in removing the obstruction by Saturday afternoon. It was found necessary to use powder in removing the rock, and the debris was deposited on the tow path to be used as filling.

POLICE REPORT.—The following cases were reported this morning:

Melinda Short, colored, for being drunk and disorderly on the street, was fined and discharged.

A young man, for disorderly conduct, had his case postponed until to-morrow morning.

Officer Walker found a pair of pants on Patrick street, near Grace church, on Saturday night, and returned them to the Station House.

COLORS CONSERVATIVES.—The colored conservatives club met last night and reorganized by the reelection of the officers of last year.

A committee was appointed to call on the City Superintendent and ascertain the terms upon which they would be allowed to be elected.

At the meeting some routine business they transacted, and adjourned to the call of the president, E. B. Hopkins.

PERSONAL.—A report has been received here that Rev. Mr. Sharp, who has been called to, and accepted the charge of Grace church, in this city, has been taken seriously ill in Pittsburgh, while on route for his new position.

Among the arrivals in Richmond yesterday were Messrs. Hugh Latham, Charles Goodrich and W. W. Sherwood of this city, to attend sessions of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows.

ROAD ON KENO.—Officers Tomlin, Goodrich and Healy, armed with a warrant from Mayor Kuper, issued on complaint of officer O. Lyles, raided a gaming house at the fish wharf, this morning about ten o'clock, and captured a quantity of the implements used in playing keno, hazard, &c. A portion of the paraphernalia had been removed and no men were found in the room.

FISH REPORT.—Since yesterday's report the receipts of fish have been about the same as then reported, but there has been an increase of herring. About 1,000 shad were sold at \$1.15 per hundred, and 70,000 herrings brought \$1.55 per thousand.

THE PASSOVER.—The Hebrew Festival of the Passover which began week ago, closed last evening. The synagogues in this city, being without a rabbi, the feast has not been regularly observed this year by the Hebrews here.

PREBENDARY OF CHESAPEAKE.—As noticed yesterday the Prebendary of Chesapeake will meet in the Second Presbyterian Church of this city to-night at 7:30 o'clock.

SOME MANY ALEXANDRIANS and Virginians generally will spend their money for garments than they can find in this city. I will pay to any person for the purchase of his expenses to Washington, for examination, to his entire satisfaction, and if my clothing, either in ordinary or high, according to quality and manufacture, is not the cheapest I will refund the money.

S. DEAHAM,
40 11-12 62 King st., cor. Fairfax.

THE MARQUIS.—The Marquis Spring Ulster is entirely new in cut, single breasted, button to the throat, with genuine buffalo horn buttons, can only be had at KATZENSTEIN'S Fashionable Clothing Establishment, 310 7th street near Pennsylvania Avenue. Price from \$9.00 to \$25.00

LOCAL BREVITIES.

A steam dredge is at work, deepening and cleaning out the docks at Agnew's fish wharf.

Much complaint is made by the fish dealers and others at Fishwharf of the dangerous condition of the plank walk, at the head of Queen street dock.

The Alexandria Guards, together with the Butler Zouaves, of Washington, both colored organizations, will have a dress parade and drill, at the Fair Grounds, to-morrow evening.

The postoffice at Farham, Richmond county, Va., has been discontinued for want of a candidate; the papers go to Emmertown. Mrs. Jennie Davis has been appointed postmaster at Oquacan, Prince William county, Va., vice Wm. J. Hamill, deceased.

He is a fool. We mean the man, who lets his baby cry all night in the arms of his mother, and does not sleep a wink, when Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup will quiet the baby by relieving its pain; a bottle costing only 25c.

For New York custom made CLOTHING, warranted not to rip, see S. DEAHAM, 62 King st., corner of Fairfax.

I had Diphtheria in its worst form; could find no relief until I used Giles' Linctoid Lotion of Ammonia. It has cured me! I cheerfully give my testimony.

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The best FLANNEL SUITS, at \$5, \$8, \$10 and \$12, you will find at S. DEAHAM'S, 62 King st., corner of Fairfax.

For one of these or 600 Hats, worth \$1.00 and \$1.50, call at the Bass Clothing House.—These Hats are of fashionable style and are of really good quality.

ap 1 m M. BENDHEIM.

FOR BAKING PANS, CAKE PANS, PIE PANS, Oyster Cans, Cake Cutters, Tin Toys, or anything in the tinware line, call on Stansbury & Bro., corner King and Columbus sts. Dec 21

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, APRIL 16, 1879.
Sun rises..... 6:25 Sun sets..... 6:35

ARRIVED.
Schr J W Thompson, lower P't, to F A Reed.
Schr Herschel, Stonington, to American Coal Company.

Schr J J Ward, New York, to American Coal Company.
Schr Flying Eagle, Mattaponi, to Perry, Smoot & Co.

CLEARED.
Schr Anthracite, Philadelphia, by F A Reed.
Schr Mattano, lower P't, by J Brothers & Co.

Schr Herschel, Sandy Hook, by American Coal Co.
Schr J J Ward, Ally's Point, by American Coal Co.

Schr B H Jones, Poughkeepsie, (13) by Hamp & Ball Co.
Schr Morning Star, Philadelphia, by Wm A Smoot.

PASSED UP.
Schr Mary C, Beaufort, for Washington; schrs R E Birchall, Chesapeake, Oakes Ames, W H Houston, W D Hilton and W D Marvell, all for Georgetown.

Schr Clara & Simpson cleared from Windsor for this port 9th.

Schr W H Perry, Georgetown, at N Y 14th.

Schr Ada S. Allen cleared from Windsor for this port 10th.

Schr Florence Dean and D M Anthony cleared from Boston for Georgetown 12th.

Schr Stephen Morris, Boston for Georgetown, and Jesus S. Bragdon, Weymouth for do, at Vineyard Haven 13th.

NEW SERIAL STORY BY JEAN INGLOW. A new serial story by Jean Inglow will begin in the number of LITTLE'S LIVING AGE for the week ending April 26th. It is published from the author's advance sheets, and opens in a very interesting way. The progress of a new story by this popular writer will be eagerly watched.

A new volume of The Living Age, together with the first number of April, affording a good time for the beginning of new subscriptions.

For fifty-two numbers of sixty-four large pages each, (or more than 3,000 pages a year), the subscription price (\$8) is low; while for \$10.00 the publishers offer to send any one of the American 24 monthlies or weeklies with The Living Age for a year, both postpaid. Little & Co., Boston, publishers.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Having taken out letters of administration on the estate of the late Mrs. ADELLE B. LAMBERT, this is to give notice to all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make immediate settlement, and all those having claims to produce the same for payment.

ap 15-1m WM. H. LAMBERT, Adm'r.

WANTED.—7000 WHITE OAK CROSS TIES, 84 feet long, 7 inches thick, 7 inches and upward face, bark off and ends square.

ap 15-1m W. A. SMOOT, Smoot's wharf, Alexandria, Virginia.

FOR RENT.—A small FRAME HOUSE, No 72 Fairfax street, between Duke and Wolfe st. Apply to WM. F. CARNE.

ap 15-31 167 King st.

BARBER WANTED.—A first class barber, who can come well recommended can find immediate employment at H. JACOBS' barber shop, next door to the Gazette office. ap 15-31

SUPPER AND FESTIVAL.—AT SAREPTA HALL.

BENEFIT OF GRACE CHURCH, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS, April 16th and 17th.

Lunch Thursday from 12 to 3 p. m. Tickets for supper or lunch 25c. ap 14-31

CROQUET.—We have now in store a variety of the above sets at prices to suit most any one.

McLEAN & UHLER, 70 King street.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Go to CROUGHTON & SON'S, 88 King street, corner of Royal, to buy HERRING and OYSTERS at low prices. You will find a large stock to select from and satisfaction guaranteed. ap 11

NEW PRUNES.—Currants, Raisins, Lemons, Sultanas, St. Michaels, French Mustards, Jellies, Gelatine and Chocolate, received and for sale by

ap 10 F. J. DAVIDSON, 147 King st.

5 LB TINS MARYLAND BRAND REFINED LARD received to-day by

ap 14 J. C. MILBURN.

ONE BBL CHOICE SUGAR CORN received to-day by

ap 14 J. C. MILBURN.

OPENED TO-DAY. (March 21st.) a large assortment of seasonable goods: Spring Cassimeres, Tweeds, a splendid assortment; Cottonades, Linen, Gingham, Prints, Cheviots, Denims, Bleached and Brown Muslins, with many other goods, at very cheap prices. I invite all in want of goods to give me an early call, all in want of goods to give me an early call.

WM. N. BERELEY.

CONDENSED MILK.—The celebrated "Swiss brand," acknowledged the best, which we can recommend to invalids and others suffering from the use of impure or watered milk—for sale by the can or case by

HARMON & SMITH, Family Grocers and Tea Dealers, Prince and Royal streets.

WOODEN PLATES.—We have this day received a lot of the above plates for decorating either in oil or water colors. They are all the rage.

ap 1 McLEAN & UHLER, 70 King street.

SARVEN PATENT WHEELS.—We would call the attention of all who want a good durable article to these wheels. Call and examine them at JAS F. CARLIN & SONS.

mb 31 63 King street.

10 BOXES OREGON CHEESE just received by

mb 19 J. C. MILBURN.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON, April 15, 1879.

SENATE.

The Secretary of the Senate, before the reading of the journal, read the following note from the Vice President:

To the Secretary of the Senate:

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15, 1879.

Sir: A telegram received this morning advises me of the dangerous illness of a sister and summons me home. It will, therefore, be necessary for the Senate on its meeting to-day to elect a president pro tem.

Respectfully,
W. A. WHEELER,
President, etc.

The Secretary asked what was the pleasure of the Senate?

Mr. Davis, of W. Va., said that as there was a comparatively small number of senators in attendance he hoped there would be a delay of proceedings in order to enable absentees to arrive.

At the suggestion of Mr. Wallace, The Senate took an informal recess.

It was discovered at the time the note was read that there were a larger number of republicans than democratic members present.

A messenger was dispatched for Senator Thurman, whom the democrats intended to elect president pro tem.

At twenty minutes past twelve, however, that gentleman entered the chamber, he having been on his way to the Capitol while the messenger was in search of him.

The Senate having resumed its session Mr. Bayard offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the absence of the Vice President Hon. A. G. Thurman be, and he is hereby, chosen President of the Senate pro tem.

Mr. Anthony moved to strike out the name of Mr. Thurman and insert that of Hon. Thos. W. Ferry.

This amendment was disagreed to—yeas 15, nays 28, aye.

The resolution was then passed.

Mr. Thurman was conducted to the chair by Mr. Ferry, the former remarking to the latter on his way thither, "Turn about is fair play."

Mr. Thurman, on taking the chair, said:

Senators: It is only necessary for me to say in the fewest possible words I sincerely thank you for this mark of your confidence.

The Journal of yesterday was then read.

The Army Appropriation bill being again taken up.

Mr. Logan addressed the Senate. He thought the question now before the body more important than any other that had arisen since 1861, when the same sentiments which prompted the present legislation expressed by many of the same men now uttering them led to war. He denounced the proposed legislation as bad in itself and as being attempted by unconstitutional practices. If republicans had erred in the same direction, by placing general legislation on appropriation bills, this was no reason for it being done now, but he was sure that the precedents which have been cited in support of the action of the opposite side were similar in character to the present one.

The spirit in which legislation was attached to appropriation bills was of more consequence than the legislation itself. The republicans had passed laws to save the Government, but the present attempt was to disable the Government and though its immediate result would not be fatal it would open the way to further irregularities, which would overthrow our institutions. He defended the propriety of the use of the veto power, and quoted President Pierce's message, accompanying his veto of a bill in 1855, to show that democratic doctrine had then guarded the independence of the executive as a wholesome check on legislation. This legislation would not stand on its merits, but its supporters would be obliged to resort to violent means to pass what was repugnant to all friends of good government. The people would not be deceived by such methods.

All the provisions now advocated to protect the ballot had been passed by the republicans together with another provision to keep peace at the polls, which latter was now to be stricken out, making the whole law inoperative. What good citizen would go to having peace at the polls and why should not outrage be suppressed on election days as well as on other days. Can it be that the promoters of this bill have an interest in disorder at the polls in their action? He thought it looked so. An officer of the peace is not an object of terror or hate to good men. There are already laws preventing military interference at the polls, and that fact shows that the real aim of his bill is to get rid of all officers of the United States at elections. No provision is now made to prevent the presence of State troops at the polls and the underlying idea is only a new form of the pernicious theory of States' rights, which has assumed so many forms to suit the different times at which it has been advocated. The right of the general government to preserve its own existence could not be abrogated. In former days fugitive slaves were recovered from States which did not recognize slavery by what was then recognized by the democracy as the authority of a constitution dominating all the States. He had read by the Clerk President Fillmore's proclamation in 1851, calling for the restoration of a fugitive slave, and then cited the celebrated Burns fugitive slave case, and asked where the doctrine of States' rights had been in the days when officers were pursued by the forces of the general government into the States whose citizens wished to protect them from degrading bondage.

The same black man once hunted down now asked protection in rights guaranteed him by law, but States' rights now were set up to take away his protection in the exercise of his privileges.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, it was resolved that the Secretary of the Senate wait on the President of the United States and inform him that in the absence of the Vice President Hon. A. G. Thurman has been elected President pro tem, of the Senate, and that the Secretary make a similar communication to the House of Representatives.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Immediately after the reading of the Journal the speaker proceeded to call committees for report.

The only report submitted was from the Committee on Accounts relative to committee clerks. This report was adopted and the House proceeded to the consideration of Senate bills for the purchase or construction of a refrigerating ship for the disinfection of vessels and cargoes, and the bill was passed with a verbal amendment.

Mr. Chalmers, of Miss., rose to a personal explanation in regard to statements made in the Cincinnati Gazette and Inquirer, connecting him with the battle of Fort Pillow and criticizing his action at that place, and in regard to a Butterworth. He offered a resolution for the appointment of a committee of 7 (to be composed of ex-Union soldiers and a majority of whom shall not be Democrats) to investigate into and report upon the charges made against him in connection with the battle of Fort Pillow.

After debate the resolution was laid over for the present.

The House then, at 1:45, went into Committee of the Whole on the legislative bill.

NOTE.

The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections took up, as the first case on their docket, the memorial of Judge Henry M. Spafford, of Louisiana, claiming to be entitled to the seat in the Senate now occupied by Gov. Kellogg.

After some formal discussion the committee decided to notify the parties to appear in person or by counsel at an adjourned meeting to-morrow for the purpose of presenting argument to the committee on the question whether this case is not res adjudicata.

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Ladies' Pebble Goat Button Boots, \$1.25 to \$3.00

" French Kid " " 1.25 to 1.50

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" " Polish " " 1.00 to 1.20

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